

**Notice of Allowability**

Application No.

10/715,565

Examiner

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Art Unit

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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to Amendment After Final 5/9/2007.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-4, 6-12.
3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some\* c) ☐ None of the:
- ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
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6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

**Attachment(s)**

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**DETAILED ACTION**

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**Claims 1-4 and 6-12** are allowed.

The following is an Examiner's statement for reasons for allowance.

Consider **claim 1**, the best prior art of record found during the examination of the present application, **Edge et al (United States Patent Application Publication #2003/0069033 A1)** in view of **Mitsugi (United States Patent #6,959,198 B2)**, fail to specifically disclose, teach, or suggest a time-matching system comprising a communications relay device receives said first time-data, executes an intermediate correction procedure on said first time-data to generate an intermediate time-data, and transmits said intermediate time-data to said second terminal device, and said intermediate correction procedure being based on a time delay in communications between said first terminal device and said communications relay device.

**Claims 2-3** are allowable because they are dependent upon claim 1.

Consider **claim 4**, the best prior art of record found during examination of the present application, **Edge et al (United States Patent Application Publication #2003/0069033 A1)** in view of **Mitsugi (United States Patent #6,959,198 B2)**, fail to specifically disclose, teach, or suggest a terminal device comprising: data processing device that adds to said corrected time-data, a priority-data indicative of reliability of said corrected time-data, and transmits said

corrected time-data to said destination and wherein, based on the reliability indicated by the priority-data, the destination executes an intermediate correction procedure.

**Consider claim 6**, the best prior art of record found during the examination of the present application, **Edge et al (United States Patent Application Publication #2003/0069033 A1)** in view of **Mitsugi (United States Patent #6,959,198 B2)**, fail to specifically disclose, teach, or suggest a delay calculating unit executing said correction procedure on said intermediate time-data to generate a corrected time-data, said correction procedure being based on a time delay in communications between said wireless communications relay device and said delay calculating unit

**Claim 7** is allowable because it is dependent upon claim 6.

**Consider claim 8**, the best prior art of record found during the examination of the present application, **Edge et al (United States Patent Application Publication #2003/0069033 A1)** in view of **Mitsugi (United States Patent #6,959,198 B2)**, fail to specifically disclose, teach, or suggest a delay calculating unit executing said correction procedure on said intermediate time-data to generate a corrected time-data, said correction procedure being based on a time delay in communications between said wireless communications relay device and said delay calculating unit.

Consider **claim 9**, the best prior art of record found during the examination of the present application, **Edge et al (United States Patent Application Publication #2003/0069033 A1)** in view of **Mitsugi (United States Patent #6,959,198 B2)**, fail to specifically disclose, teach, or suggest a communications relay device receiving said first time-data and generating an intermediate time-data by executing an intermediate correction procedure on said first time-data, said intermediate correction procedure being based on a time delay in communications between said first terminal device and said communications relay device and said communications relay device transmitting said intermediate time-data to a second terminal device different from said first terminal device.

Claims **10-12** are allowable because it is dependent upon claim 9.

### ***Conclusion***

These teachings clearly differ from the claimed invention; therefore, claims 1-4 and 6-12 of the present application are considered novel and nonobvious over the prior art and, consequently, are allowed.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the Examiner should be directed to Bobbak Safaipoor whose telephone number is (571) 270-1092. The Examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday from 9:00am to 5:00pm.

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